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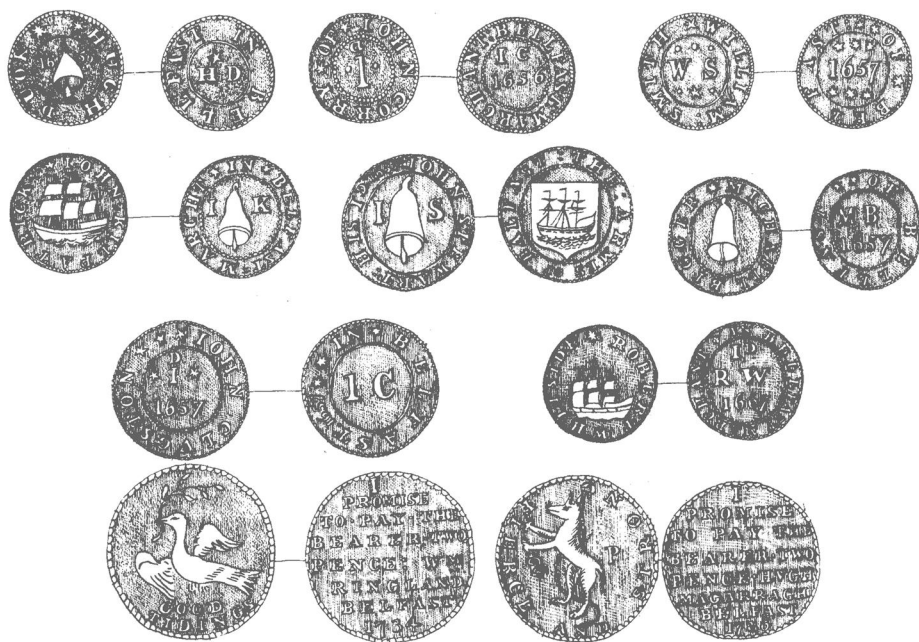
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NOTICES OF LOCAL TOKENS ISSUED IN ULSTER. NO. 2.

Annexed are representations of some of the local Tokens of the old traders of Belfast. They have not been hitherto published, so far as I am aware, and are given as specimens of the extensive issue of these coins which took place in this town for about a century. A list of all those of Belfast known to me is appended, which may be enlarged at a future time by the addition of some that may now be lying unnoticed in the possession of other persons, or of some not yet discovered. Many old inhabitants of the town will take great interest in these Tokens, and some will perhaps tax their ingenuity or their means of inquiry in endeavouring to trace out the history or the present representatives of those who have left these records of their names and of their existence in by-gone times. It is the hope of the writer that such curious inquirers will go farther, and that they will use all due diligence in searching for, and carefully transmitting to the editor of this Journal, tokens of Belfast not mentioned in this list, as well as specimens belonging to other localities.

There is not much to be said about the form or fashion of the Belfast tokens. Many of them are in most excellent preservation, while others are so corroded as to be distinguished with great difficulty. The devices of the older pieces do not present much variety; several of them have coats of arms, but "the bell and the ship," indicative of the name of the town and its maritime character, are the favourite emblems. While some of the names of the issuers of these tokens are still common in Belfast—(but indeed the most of these are good travelling names in any part of the three kingdoms, and cannot be claimed as of right by any particular family)—there are many not now known in the town, at least in conspicuous positions. The first one here represented is that of Hugh Duok, 1656, probably the same Hugh who about ten years previously was "sovereign" of the town, at which time the rather remarkable and humiliating statement is recorded of him that *he made his mark*, declining the full signature. This at least establishes one important historical fact, that it must have been at a period subsequent to this that our town received the appellation of the Athens of Ireland; and it may also be farther supposed for the credit of the borough, as at least a strong probability, that the schoolmaster had been abroad in the interval, and that Mr. Duok when he came to coin money, like other "sovereigns," was able to exhibit his sign-manual, for the benefit and satisfaction of his friends, customers, and former subjects. It will be observed that the later tokens are rather more ambitious in their devices and emblems;—indeed, the motto and cognisance of Hugh Macgarraigh would better befit a belted knight or baron bold, than a person keeping possibly a dry-goods store, in some nook or corner swept away by the recent town improvements; but, perhaps *the* Macgarraigh had had a soul above buttons, as well as oaten meal, nail-rod iron, and other base commodities. Mr. Ringland, again, from adopting the dove and olive branch, may have been a man of peaceful propensities, or have dealt in goods of a peculiarly soft and delicate description. Seriously, however, it is to be regretted, that when the old business men of Belfast did go so far as to adopt fanciful mottoes and emblems on their coins, they did not select such as might have been in some measure appropriate to trade and commerce, or such as might have conveyed to posterity a knowledge of the particular occupation of the issuer, the commodities he had for sale, or the manner in which the manufacture, if any, was conducted. Some few instances of such, will, I think, be found on the tokens issued in neighbouring towns; but, except the Belfast Ticket, which formed the subject of the former article, and which, it was reasonably conjectured, reflected an imperfect image of some part of the town itself in the olden time, there are no tokens of this important place with which I am acquainted that will convey much information in this respect.

The following is the list of all the Belfast Tokens which, it may probably be said with correctness, have yet been discovered.

JOHN . STEWARD . OF .	BELFAST	1656
JOHN . STEWART . HIS . 1d	THE . ARMES . OF BALFAST	1657
JOHN . COBRY . OF	BELFAST . MARCHANT	1656
GEO . MICCARTNAY	OF . BELFAST	1656
HUGH . DVOK	IN . BELFAST	1656
ALEXANDER . SINKLAR	IN . BELFAST	1657
GEORGE , MARTIN . OF	BELFAST . MARCHAN	1657
HENRY . SMITH . IN	BELFAST . MERCHT	
HUGH . ECCLES . OF	BELFAST . MARCHANT	
HUGH . SPAIRE . MARCHANT	IN . BELFAST . HIS . PENNY	
IOSIAH . MARTIN	IN . BELFAST	1657
WILLIAM . SMITH	OF . BELFAST	1657
MICHAEL . BIGGER	OF . BELFAST	1657
JOHN . CLYGSTON	IN . BELFAST	1657
JOHN . KILPATRICK	IN . BELFAST . MARCHT	
JOHN . GIVAN	IN . BELFAST	
GEORGE . MARTIN . OF	BELFAST . MARCHANT	1666
JAMES . BIGGER . MARCHAN	IN . BELFAST	1666
HYMPHRY . DOBBIN . OF	BELFAST . MARCHT	1670
JAMES . CHALMERS . IN	BELFAST . MARCHANT	1670
WILL . LOKART . THO . AITKIN	MERCHANTS . IN . BELFAST	
JOHN . BVSH . BELFAST	Id	
ROBERT . WHITSIDE . IN	BELFAST . MARCHANT	1667
BELFAST		1671
GOOD TIDINGS	I PROMISE TO PAY THE BEARER TWO	
WITH COVNCILE AND COVRAGE	PENCE : WM. RINGLAND . BELFAST .	1734
PIERCE AND STRONG	I PROMISE TO PAY THE BEARER TWO	
	PENCE . AARON KEAN . MALLONE .	1735
	I PROMISE TO PAY THE BEARER TWO	
	PENCE . HUGH MAGARRAGH . BELFAST	1736

I have not included in the preceding catalogue, except in the case of George Martin, some tokens issued in different years by several individuals in the list—in other words, a second coinage. There are also one or two other tokens, not enumerated, known to be in existence, but which I cannot at this time procure. It will be observed that I have taken the token of Aaron Kean, of Malone, as a Belfast one; for though I am, of course, unacquainted with the location in which Aaron dwelt, it is scarcely to be doubted, that the spot is now embraced in the wide-stretched arms of this rapidly increasing town.

In a future paper some specimens will be given of tokens issued in several of the towns of the Province of Ulster.

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